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SUBJECT: SOVIET DEMARCHE TO UK ON WMD

1. AT QUADRIPARTITE MEETING FEBRUARY 17, UK AMBASSADOR SMITH

REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN CALLED IN BY MFA INTERNATIONAL

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ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ISRAELYAN FEBRUARY 16 TO

RECEIVE SOVIET DEMARCHE ON THEIR PROPOSAL TO BAN NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (WMD).

2. NOTING UK ABSENCE ON WMD AT THE UN, ISRAELYAN SAID THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT REGRETTED IT, AND HOPED THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD COOPERATE ON THIS ISSUE IN THE CCD SESSION BEGINNING FEBRUARY 17. THE TASK AHEAD IS LONG, BUT THE SOVIET VIEW WAS THAT "WE" SHOULD DISCHARGE THE OBLIGATIONS LAID UPON "US" BY THE UN RESOLUTION. THE SOVIETS WERE PREPARED TO BEGIN BILATERAL DISCUSSION OF TOPIC IN LONDON OR MOSCOW.

3. IN REPLY, SMITH NOTED THAT THE LANGUAGE OF WMD PROPOSALS HAD BEEN VAGUE, AND THAT MUCH DEPENDED ON THE DEFINITIONS SOVIETS HAD IN MIND. ISRAELYAN REPLIED THAT THIS WAS A QUESTION FOR THE EXPERTS TO WORK OUT. ASKED WHAT "EXPERTS" SOVIETS ENVISAGED, ISRAELYAN RESPONDED THAT WHILE THIS REMAINED TO BE AGREED, ONE APPROACH WOULD BE TEAMS CONSISTING OF ONE DIPLOMAT AND ONE SCIENTIST, BACKED UP BY SUPPORT PERSONNEL.

4. WHEN SMITH ASKED WHETHER THE SOVIETS WOULD BE CONVEYING THE SAME MESSAGE TO OTHERS, ISRAELYAN SAID THEY WOULD BE TALKING TO OTHER WEST EUROPEANS INTERESTED IN DISARMAMENT, AND "OF COURSE" TO THE U.S.

5. FRENCH AND FRG AMBASSADORS HAVE APPOINTMENTS WITH ISRAELYAN FOR FEBRUARY 18. IN QP MEETING, FRENCH AMBASSADOR VIMONT POINTED OUT THAT FRENCH ABSENCE FROM CCD PUT FRANCE IN SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT SITUATION FROM OTHERS.
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